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In re Application of:

Amin et al.

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SERVICE MICROCELL

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **ADD** the following new claims:

By Cont
-- 18. A method of receiving a message on a digital control channel for use in a cellular messaging network, comprising the steps of:

(A) receiving voice channel assignment signals related to the assignment of voice channels and short messaging signals based on the message from the digital control channel;

(B) distinguishing between the voice channel assignment signals and the short